

**Morgan County Commission Meeting  
August 16, 2017**

**Members present:**

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President  
Commissioner Robert Ford  
Commissioner Ken Reed

**Staff present:** Jody McClintock, County Administrator and Ginger Johnson,  
Commission Secretary

**Public Present:** Lori Kiley; Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger; Daryl Cowles; Susan  
Walter; Judy Price and Audrey Morris

The meeting was opened by Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

**Assessor's Exonerations**

**Clerical Error- Exonerations**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the four exonerations due to clerical error. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Taxpayer Error- Exonerations**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the two exonerations due to taxpayer error. President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted nay and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

**Approval of road name- Make My Day Lane**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the road name " Make My Day Lane". President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items**

**Discussion & Decision on the Excise Tax Rate on the Privilege of Transferring Real Property**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the order of adoption for the excise tax increase as related to the transferring of real property in Morgan County and shall increase an additional .55 cents per \$500, thereby making the total \$1.65 per \$500 and pursuant to amended WV Code 11-22-2, becoming effective October 1, 2017.

President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Susan Walter, Audrey Morris and Judy Price- Tri State Community Health Center- Proclamation claiming National Community Health Center Week 8/13-8/19, 2017**

Susan Walter and Judy Price, Tri-State Community Health Center along with Audrey Morris, Starting Points, approached the Commission with a proclamation for National Health Care Week. Ms. Walter explained the background of Tri State Community Centers and the importance of providing high quality affordable health care in our communities. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming August 13-19, 2017 as National Health Care Week. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Discussion regarding responsibility of tap fees for water & sewer @ 522 Industrial Business Park**

Commissioner Ford led the discussion with the Commission regarding the responsibility of tap fees for water and sewer at the 522 Industrial Business Park. Commissioner Ford explained that the county currently pays for the sewer treatment but business owners should be paying for the tap fees. The Commission agreed. Commissioner Ford made a motion to amend the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Morgan County Commission and the Morgan County Economic Development Authority and state that the county is excluded from the responsibility of tap fees. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk- Agreement for the use of the online records system**

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk and Heather Tyler, Chief Deputy, approached the Commission and requested approval for the agreement for the use of the online records system. Ms. Tyler explained that the agreement is for the purpose of setting forth the terms of printing documents from the Clerk's online system and explained that while viewing the documents is available to all, the remote printing of the documents will be restricted to applicants with signed agreements. Ms. Tyler stated that the fee will be a minimum of \$15.00 per month, however after \$15.00 worth of pages are printed, the fee will subsequently be the standard copy rate of \$1.50 for the first two pages and \$1.00 a page after that. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the agreement for online records system becoming effective on November 1, 2017. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Administrator's Report****Approval to hire Part Time Commission Secretary**

Commissioner Ford made a motion for the approval to hire a part time Commission Secretary. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Approval to hire Part time per diem Animal Control Officer**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the hiring of Gary Kendall as a part time per diem Animal Control Officer effective immediately. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Recess**

President Tuttle made a motion to recess the meeting. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

# Morgan County Commission

## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: August 16, 2017				
NO.	NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #	Sheet:      Of: E-MAIL ADDRESS
1	Lori Kiley	Self		
2	K. Shunney	Messenger		
3	Dan / Cowles	EDA		
4	Susan Walter	Tri-State Community		
5	Judy Price	Tri-State Community		
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**ORDER OF ADOPTION  
EXCISE TAX INCREASE**

THIS ORDER OF ADOPTION by the County Commission of Morgan County, West Virginia, made and entered on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commission has, in accordance with Senate Bill 433, which has amended WV Code 11-22-2, at a stated meeting by proper motion, seconded and voted upon and being in favor of by unanimous vote:

President Joel Tuttle

yes

Commissioner Robert L. Ford

yes


Commissioner Kenneth Reed

yes

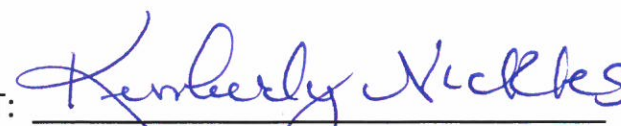
THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the County portion of the Excise Tax as related to the transferring of real property in Morgan County, shall increase and additional 0.55 cents (fifty five cents) per \$500.00 (five hundred dollars), thereby making the total \$1.65 (one dollar sixty five cents) per \$500.00 (five hundred dollars), and pursuant to amended West Virginia Code 11-22-2. The Morgan County Commission hereby declares the effective date shall be October 1, 2017.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
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President Joel Tuttle

  
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Commissioner Robert L. Ford

  
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Commissioner Kenneth Reed

ATTEST:   
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Kimberly Nickles, Clerk of Morgan County Commission





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**National Health Center Week, 2017**

**Whereas:** For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventative health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's health care system.

**Whereas:** As the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers now serve as the health care home for over 25 million Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation. One in every 13 people in the United States gets their care in a community health center.

**Whereas:** Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Health Centers serve one in every six residents of rural areas.

**Whereas:** Every day, Health Centers are developing new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their community.

**Whereas:** Health Centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each Health Center are engaged in their own health care decisions.

**Whereas:** Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating billions of dollars in combined economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities.

**Whereas:** Health Centers nationally employ nearly 190,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient.

**Whereas:** The Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and


insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs.

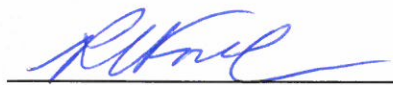
**Whereas:** Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms.

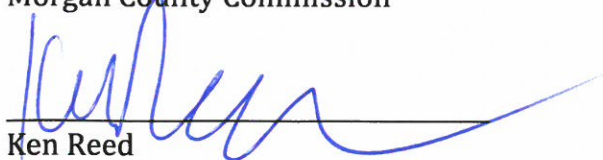
**Whereas:** Health Centers are on the front lines of major health care crises that our country faces including providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic and responding to public health threats like the Zika virus.

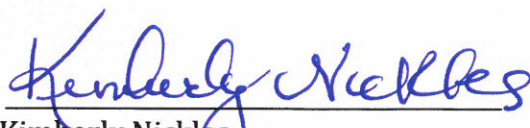
**Whereas:** National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's Health Centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago. During this National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Health Centers and their vital role in shaping the future of America's health care system.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Morgan County Commission, do hereby proclaim **August 13-19, 2017, as National Health Center Week.** I encourage all Americans to take part in this week by visiting Tri-State Community Health Center and celebrating the important partnership between America's Health Centers and the communities they serve.

  
Joel Tuttle, President  
Morgan County Commission

  
Robert Ford  
Morgan County Commission

  
Ken Reed  
Morgan County Commission

  
Kimberly Nickles  
Clerk of the County Commission